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1. Three negotiating sessions held with Italians this week (Feb 27, March 1 and 3) were devoted almost exclusively to discussion routes, largely along lines of last week's discussion as described reftel.

2. At February 27 session US Del, in order facilitate discussions, gave Italians written summary of description made orally previous week of routes that US carriers might operate on basis proposed US revised route schedule. After skipping day at Italian request, Italian Del at March 1 meeting stated it still unable proceed to evaluation US route proposal and reiterated demand for more specified US route schedule.

3. At March 3 meeting US Del tabled new route proposal indicating countries to be served both on intermediate points and on routes beyond Italy. After expressing reservation that US route proposal still not too specific and too vast, particularly as regards beyond route to East and South Africa and beyond route via Australia to US, Italian Del agreed consider proposal over weekend and to meet again March 6. US Del proposed that next meeting also begin

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take up question of what would constitute acceptable route exchange and indicated Italian proposed schedule clearly too great to be accepted.

4. Meetings at mid-week appeared at serious impasse and possibly facing interruption. Although meetings continuing next week, difficulties foreseen in reftel have not diminished.

5. Documents exchanged in negotiations being airpouched to Embassy.

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